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SUBJ: ANGOLA-ZAIRE MEDIATION EFFORT: ONCE AGAIN

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1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO FIND A WAY TO GET THE MEDIATION EFFORT OFF THE GROUND. AND TO DO THIS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE TWO ELEMENTS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THIS EFFORT:

(A) THOSE WHO HAVE EFFECTIVE INFLUENCE WITH MOBUTU AND NETO MUST USE IT (E.G., OUR SUGGESTION OF FRENCH, BELGIANS AND MOROCCANS VIS-A-VIS MOBUTU AND PERHAPS NIGERIA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA WITH NETO); AND, (B) A CONCRETE FIRST STEP (E.G. STATIONING OF OBSERVER TEAMS).

2. IN THIS LATTER REGARD, WE NOTE GARBA'S REMARK (REF C) THAT IT WOULD NOT BE SAFE FOR OBSERVER TEAMS AT THIS POINT. THAT IS TRUE FOR THE ZAIRIAN SIDE OF THE SHABA BORDER, BUT IS IT TRUE FOR THE ANGOLAN SIDE? WHY NOT SUGGEST OBSERVER TEAM AT KEY POINTS ON THE ZAIRIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER OTHER THAN IN SHABA, INCLUDING CABINDA AND AS FAR SOUTH AS THE TSHIKAPA AREA. TEAMS ALONG THE SHABA BORDERS WOULD BE PLACED ON THE ANGOLAN AND ZAMBIAN SIDES. THIS KIND OF FORMULA, IT STRIKES US, WOULD RESPOND (A) TO NETO'S AND KAUNDA'S CHARGES OF ZAIRIAN INCURSIONS AND (B) TO MOBUTU'S

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CHARGES OF ANGOLAN CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS. OBVIOUSLY, TEAMS FREINDLY TO MOBUTU WOULD HAVE TO BE IN ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA WHILE THOSE FRIENDLY TO NETO WOULD BE PLACED IN ZAIRE. BOTH WOULD BE OSTENSIBLY "NEUTRAL."

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